the pensionable service in the Civil Service will be reckonable for pension under the local government superannuation schemes or the appropriate Isle of Man pension scheme, as the case may be.

These rules thus provide, in so far as the Civil Service is concerned, for a system of pension reciprocity between local government employment in Great Britain and the Isle of Man and the Civil Service of Northern Ireland.

The rules are made retrospective to a limited extent under express powers in sections 5 and 6 of the Act, but, as thereby required, the retrospective provisions apply only at the election of the person concerned and with the consent of the authority which becomes liable to pay a transfer value.

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COAL DISTRIBUTION AND RETAIL COAL PRICES

The Coal Distribution and Retail Prices (Northern Ireland) Order, 1957

1957. No. 139 **[NC]**

In exercise of the powers under Regulations 55, 55AA and 55AB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(a) (as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(b), and the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(c), and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1956(d)), delegated to it by instruments of delegation made respectively by the Board of Trade and by the Minister of Power under the said Regulations, as having effect as aforesaid, and of all other powers it enabling, the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland (hereinafter in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") hereby makes the following Order:—

Interpretation

1. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Coal" means material of the following description, originating outside Northern Ireland and supplied in Northern Ireland for consumption in "controlled premises":

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6 c.10 & S.R. & O. 1945 Nos. 1611 and 1618.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6 c.55.
(c) 14 & 15 Geo. 6 c.25.
(d) S.I. 1956 No. 1882.

(*a*) Bituminous coal
(*b*) Cannel coal
(*c*) Anthracite
(*d*) Phurnacite

"Controlled premises" means any premises in Northern Ireland in which coal is or is to be consumed other than the premises of a gas, electricity, railway or other commercial or industrial undertaking or institution.

"To supply" means to transfer ownership or possession.

"To supply retail" means to supply otherwise than for resale.

"Slack" means screenings from coal generally of less than 1 inch in diameter.

"District" means any place named in the Schedule of Prices issued by the Ministry and any place not so named shall be deemed to be included in the district of the nearest named place.

Licensing of Importers and Merchants

2.—(1) No person shall import into or supply coal retail in Northern Ireland unless licensed to do so by the Ministry.

(2) No licenced person (hereinafter called the merchant) shall supply coal to another merchant without the authority of the Ministry.

(3) No merchant shall supply or offer or agree to supply coal retail to any controlled premises otherwise than controlled premises to which his licence relates.

(4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Order shall prohibit the supply of coal authorised by individual licence or by general direction given by the Ministry for the purpose of this Article.

(5) The Ministry may vary or revoke any licence granted under this Order; and if any such licence is revoked, the holder thereof shall forthwith deliver it up as directed by the Ministry.

Registration

3.—(1) The Ministry and each merchant shall each maintain a register recording the "controlled premises" and the name of the occupier thereof to whom the merchant may supply coal retail.

(2) A merchant may not record additional premises or names on his register without the authority of the Ministry given either for individual cases or by general direction.

Restriction on Supply

4. Without the special authority of the Ministry the maximum quantities of coal which may be supplied retail to any controlled premises during the period commencing on the date of the coming into operation of this Order and ending on 30th April, 1958, and thereafter during each period of twelve months commencing on 1st May and ending on 30th April in the next subsequent year shall be:—

(*a*) 50 hundredweights (other than slack, anthracite and phurnacite) in respect of controlled premises in which the supply of gas or electricity is normally available from public supply for heating or cooking purposes.

(*b*) 60 hundredweights (other than slack, anthracite and phurnacite) in respect of other controlled premises.

(*c*) 40 hundredweights of anthracite.

Grades and Prices

5.—(1) The Ministry shall determine the maximum prices at which coal may be supplied retail and shall issue for each district a Schedule of Prices and of the grades of coal to which such prices apply. No merchant shall supply retail any grade of coal not specified in the Schedule or any grade of coal at a price exceeding the maximum price specified in the Schedule for that grade in the district concerned.

(2) No coal shall be supplied by the importer otherwise than in accordance with the grades and the directions as to slack extraction specified in the Schedule of Prices and a merchant shall not supply any coal in a grade other than that in which such coal was bought by him.

(3) The Ministry shall cause a copy of the Schedule of Prices for the time being in force in any district to be sent to each merchant in such district, and shall cause such Schedule of Prices or any variation thereof to be published in such manner as it may think best adapted for informing persons affected.

(4) Every merchant shall exhibit conspicuously a copy of the Schedule of Prices for the time being in force for the district in each office, depot, and other premises from which he carries on the business of selling coal retail in that district.

(5) The person in charge of any vehicle upon which coal is being carried for sale or supply retail in any district in quantities not exceeding two hundredweights shall on request produce to any person to whom coal is sold or supplied from the vehicle or to any authorised Inspector, a copy of the Schedule of Prices for the time being in force for that district and shall also indicate conspicuously on the vehicles upon which coal is being carried the grade and price per bag determined in accordance with the Schedule of Prices for the time being in force in that district and applicable to the sale or supply retail of that coal.

Delivery Notes

6. Every merchant shall at the time of making each supply of coal of more than two hundredweights deliver to the person to whom the same is supplied a delivery note specifying the weight and the grade thereof as specified in the Schedule of Prices for the time being in force in the district and applicable to the sale or supply of that coal.

Records, Information and Inspection

7. Each merchant shall keep records of the quantity and grade, the price charged and the date of delivery of coal supplied to each customer and these records shall be held available for inspection by an authorised officer of the Ministry.

Revocation

8. The Coal Supply (Northern Ireland) Order, 1951(**a**) as amended by the Coal Supply (N.I.) (Amendment) (No. 1) Order, 1951(**b**) the Coal Supply (N.I.) Amendment (No. 2) Order, 1952(**c**) and the Coal Supply (N.I.) Amendment (No. 3) Order, 1954(**d**) and the Retail Coal Prices (N.I.) Order, 1952(**e**), are hereby revoked.

Commencement and Citation

9. This Order shall come into force on 1st August, 1957, and may be cited as the Coal Distribution and Retail Prices (Northern Ireland) Order, 1957.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of July, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *B. J. Ahern,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order regulates the distribution of household coal in Northern Ireland and the fixing and enforcement of maximum prices for such coal. It revokes the several Orders under which these services are at present regulated and consolidates their main provisions in simplified form into a single instrument. Opportunity has been taken to introduce certain modifications of which the principal are:—

(*a*) All commercial and industrial premises are now excepted from the provisions regulating the supply of coal, and not merely those in which the yearly consumption of coal exceeds 100 tons;

(*b*) The prohibition against the supply of coal by a merchant in a grade other than that in which such coal was bought by him and which was implicit in the pre-existing Orders has now been stated in more specific terms;

(*c*) Slack supplied as such is expressly excluded from the yearly ration of household coal.

Article 5 specifies the maximum quantities of coal (other than slack and phurnacite) which domestic consumers in Northern Ireland may acquire before 30th April, 1958, and in every period of twelve months thereafter commencing on 1st May in each year.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 158.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 190.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 57.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 60.
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 58.